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SUBJ: TORONTO STAR COLUMNIST CLAIMS PRESS TOO GENTLE WITH PQ

1. TORONTO STAR BUSINESS COLUMNIST JACK MCARTHUR IN
COLUMN AUGUST 26 HEADLINED "IS CANADA'S PRESS BEING TOO GENTLE
WITH RENE LEVESQUE?," WROTE THAT FORMER JOURNALIST
LEVESQUE, BEING WELL-AWARE THAT MANY REPORTERS ASK TOO
FEW OR THE WRONG QUESTIONS, USED THIS WEAKNESS TO MIS-
LEAD THE NEWS MEDIA.

2. MCARTHUR CLAIMED THAT NEWSMEN ARE UNDER THE DIS-
ADVANTAGE OF BEING FORCED TO ANALYZE EVENTS BEFORE
THEIR COMPLEXITIES CAN BE FULLY UNDERSTOOD AND THE PQ
HAD USED THE FACTOR OF TIME "TO SPRING" STUDIES, ETC.
ON THE PRESS. ACCORDING TO MCARTHUR, THE PQ HAS MISLED
ON THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF CONFEDERATION, ON LANGUAGE
BILL, ON THE INVESTMENT ISSUE AND IS NOW DOING THE
SAE THING ON THE PROPOSED SEPARATION REGULATIONS.
"THIS TIME, HOWEVER, THE PRESS WAS MORE ALERT.
IT BEGAN QUESTIONING THE POSSIBLE DEFECTS ALMOST
IMMEDIATELY. IT'S LEARNING TO ASK MORE QUESTIONS."
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